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Setting the stage for a school debate

'Not right.' CBE chair slams province's claim that gym stages are 'instructional space'



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Calgary's top public-school trustee slammed the province Tuesday amid claims her organization was being asked to consider stages in school gymnasiums in much the same manner as classrooms and other, more typical instructional spaces.

Joy Bowen-Eyre raised questions about the new provincial formula for calculating classroom utilization and capacity at a meeting where the Calgary Board of Education painted a grim picture of its infrastructure situation, as it continues to take in thousands of additional students annually.

The 3,737 students enrolled for class this fall was the largest growth seen in the past seven years, and Frank Cop-

pinger, the organization's superintendent of facilities and environmental services, said preliminary estimates suggest growth in the coming years could top 4,000 annually.

But the province has also introduced a new formula for calculating utilization rates, and Coppinger said his group has had "certain discussions" with the province about the consideration of gym stages as instructional space.

"At the moment, we agree to disagree," Coppinger said. "They acknowledge that some stages' lighting, temperature control, ventilation, acoustics, because they're next to a gym, may be of concern."

Bowen-Eyre responded, "So, basically, the only thing they're not counting is hallways and bathrooms, it sounds like?"

She said the province's stance was "not right" and indicated trustees would write a letter outlining their concerns to the province.

In an email this week, however, Alberta Education claims it has always considered school stages as part of the instruc-

tional space, adding the new formula has actually removed certain areas from consideration, such as mechanical rooms, hallways and gyms.

"So, stages were and remain part of the capacity calculation," read an emailed statement.

Reached after Tuesday's meeting, Bowen-Eyre said she was aware of some schools being forced to have kids learn on the stage but said that was a last resort.

"A stage is set up for the utilization of fine arts and drama, not for the use of academic courses," she said.

The CBE's total school utilization capacity this fall is pegged at 86 per cent — officials have indicated 80 per cent is ideal and at 85 per cent a school is essentially full. Metro also found this week that all but one of 15 new public and Catholic schools that have opened in the past five years are already over the 85 per cent threshold.

Coppinger said one-third of the CBE's 227 schools are operating at 90 per cent capacity or higher this fall.



BLACK LIVES MATTER

Habamu Hailu is seen chanting during a rally at Calgary's city hall Tuesday night to show solidarity with the residents of Ferguson, Mo., who have flooded the streets after a jury decided not to indict the policeman who killed 18-year-old Michael Brown. For more coverage, head to pages 10 and 19.

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A Calgary Transit bus pulls over at a stop on the side of the road. City council voted Tuesday to cancel a \$3-per-month increase to low-income transit passes planned for 2015. METRO FILE

Calgary votes to cancel fare hike for low-income transit

Budget Day 2.

Coun. Brian Pincott says motion will 'buy some time' until city develops sliding-scale passes



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Low-income Calgarians who regularly ride transit won't face a fare hike next year after all.

City council voted Tuesday to cancel a \$3-per-month increase to low-income transit passes planned for 2015.

Numerous low-income Calgarians, many with disabilities, urged council Monday to freeze the price for a monthly pass at \$44, saying an increase to \$47 may not seem like much, but it would have a detrimental effect on many people's lives.

Coun. Brian Pincott agreed and put forward a motion to cancel the hike on Tuesday, saying it would "buy some time" until the city has a chance to develop a sliding-scale for low-income passes — something that won't happen until September 2015 at the earliest.

"The reason we're moving to the sliding scale is because we recognize that having a line

Quoted

"There's that saying that every dollar counts, but when you're living in poverty, every cent counts."

Colleen Huston of Disability Action Hall

— a hard line — in the sand, in the concrete, is disadvantaging people," Pincott said. "People make \$2 more on their income and they no longer qualify."

The change was approved 11-4, with Andre Chabot, Sean Chu, Peter Demong and Shane Keating opposed.

Demong said he appreciates the "significant challenges" that low-income Calgarians

face, but it's ultimately up to the province to fund policies aimed at alleviating poverty.

"We can only lead by example for so long before it starts affecting our bottom line to the point that we can't finance it," he said. "I think we've led enough by example here, I think it's time for the province to step up."

Tammy Poirier, who lives on

assured income for the severely handicapped (AISH), said she was both "excited" and "surprised" by council's decision to freeze the monthly pass rates.

"I really didn't think they were going to," she said. "I thought maybe we were going to fall on deaf ears again. So I'm actually quite surprised and I'm glad."

Colleen Huston of Disability Action Hall said \$3 a month may not sound like much to many Calgarians, but for people living on extremely tight budgets, "it means a lot."

"One of the people I know, she lives on \$1.25 a day — that's her budget," she said.

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CBE achievement-test results see significant drop: Report

Education. Downturn seen among local public-school students part of larger decline provincewide, says board superintendent



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As questions swirl around the future of Alberta's controversial provincial achievement tests (PATs), a new report indicates Calgary public students' results on such exams "declined significantly" last year.

In 2013-14, 75.4 per cent of Calgary Board of Education students in Grades 6 and 9 met the "acceptable

standard" for the test, down from 81.4 per cent the year prior and a full three percentage points below the average scores dating back to 2010.

In addition, 19.4 per cent of students achieved the "standard of excellence," down from 21.1 per cent the year prior and one percentage point lower than the average over the previous four years.

The results are classified as having "declined significantly" in the CBE's Three-Year Education Plan, which is due to be submitted to Alberta Education by month's end.

Going over the results during a meeting with trustees on Tuesday, Cathy Faber, the public board's superintendent of learning innovation, indicated the reduction was

part of a larger trend.

"It should be noted, however, that results from the province as a whole have also declined significantly," she said.

The province has indicated it intends to do away with paper-written PATs in favour of computerized Student Learning Assessments (SLAs), but a trial of the new evaluations has come under fire from the Alberta Teachers' Association.

The organization's president, Mark Ramsankar, deemed the first run-through with Grade 3 students, completed in October, an "absolute mess." He said it added hours of work for teachers, confused students and occupied the few available computers for days, preventing kids in other grades from using them.



Cathy Faber, the Calgary Board of Education's superintendent of learning innovation, says provincial achievement test results trended down across Alberta in 2013-14. METRO FILE

Heritage body OK with housing plans for school



Bridgeland School, seen here, opened in 1921. METRO FILE

The chair of Calgary's heritage authority says he has no concerns about turning a storied northeast school into a housing complex, provided the original building is kept intact.

Community members have raised fears about the plans for Bridgeland School and the surrounding area, as the facility's current owner, Delta West Academy, is in talks with the Minto Group about selling the school, which first opened in 1921.

Minto said Monday it intends to use the school itself as a loft complex and add townhouses in the surrounding area.

Both Delta West and Minto have said there are no plans to demolish the school, which is listed on the city's inventory of evaluated historic resources but isn't legally protected from the wrecking ball.

Scott Jolliffe, chairman of the Calgary Heritage Authority, said a residential-

housing rebirth could be appropriate for the Bridgeland site.

"Frankly, we've had pretty good luck with this developer-inspired heritage preservation," Jolliffe said. "But the property owner would be within its rights to tear the building down."

It's not unheard of for school sites to be repurposed in the city. King Edward School, for example, has been transformed into an arts incubator and cre-

ative spot known as cSpace.

Some Bridgeland residents, meanwhile, have expressed fears about added traffic, lack of parking and increased noise should the housing complex go ahead. It's expected a proposal will go before city council in the spring.

A city planning official was due to meet with stakeholders at the Bridgeland Community Centre at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

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The foothills just outside of Calgary could see 20 centimetres of snow later this week, and up to 50 centimetres could hit the ground in Jasper and Banff, according to Environment Canada.

An approaching "major Pacific frontal system" prompted the national weather agency to issue a special alert for Calgary, Kananaskis, Canmore, Okotoks, High River and Clareholm.

"It actually is quite a large weather system," said Bill McMurry, a meteorologist with Environment Canada. "The main portion of the system is going to move towards the west-central portion of the province, and that's where the



Snow is on the way, Calgary.
METRO FILE

heaviest snow is going to be."

The snow is mainly expected to fall over the mountain parks and the foothills.

"After this system passes, a plunge into the deep freeze is on tap," the weather alert reads. "Lows will be among the coldest this fall, with some temperatures dropping below the minus 30 threshold this week-end." **HELEN PIKE/METRO**

Stop violence. Campaign asks men to wear moose hide to show support

Men and boys in Alberta are being asked to wear swatches of moose hide to show that they support an end to violence against aboriginal women.

The provincial government and the Alberta Native Friendship Centres Association are behind the campaign.

The province is contributing \$75,000.

David Dorward, associate minister of aboriginal relations, says the more people talk about violence against women, the easier it is to bring about changes in society.

Merle White of the native friendships association says the campaign shows aboriginals are taking a stand and

moving toward changing things.

The RCMP have said aboriginals account for more than 15 per cent of murdered and missing girls and women in recent decades.

"It's not only a women's issue and it should never have been a women's issue," Marggo Pariseau with the Institute for the Advancement of Aboriginal Women said Tuesday. "It should have (included) ... men, family and the community."

"Violence has been around far too long, and we don't talk about it."

There has been a call from a growing number of groups for a national inquiry.

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Mom pleads for son's safe return home



Justin 'JR' Baker is 29, described as five-foot-10 and around 200 pounds, with brown hair and blue eyes. CONTRIBUTED

Not seen since Sunday. Last known whereabouts was a Burger King in city's northwest



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Fearing that he's without his phone and without gas, a frantic Calgary mom has called the police after her adult son Justin "JR" Baker went missing.

She then turned to social media: a Reddit post and photo were subsequently shared on Twitter, garnering a flood of retweets and concerned responses.

Baker is 29 and described as five-foot-10 and around 200 pounds, with brown hair and blue eyes. He was driving a red 1998 Chevy Cavalier.

He was last seen Sunday at a Burger King in northwest Calgary and was leaving to meet someone at Tim Hortons. His mother said he has Asperger's but is high functioning.

"Part of his thing socially was to try to say what he thought people wanted to hear," Allison Nelson said.

"All the stuff you're supposed to do, we did. I don't feel that this was him going off to die, but this was high-risk behaviour."

Sunday night he told his roommates he was headed out on a date, and then his phone turned off. His mother said this is out of

character and he's never disappeared before.

A Redditor commented, telling her he had been posting on the Craigslist personal ads.

His mother was able to pull records of his last cell-phone calls. She's been contacting those numbers and reached one woman he was meant to meet in Lethbridge.

He apparently called off the meeting, and that woman had the impression he was still in Calgary.

Police are on the lookout for Baker, but because he's an adult they have not formally asked for the public's help, something they only do if the missing person is in a "high-risk" category, on essential medication or has mental-health issues.

In two particularly disturbing posts Nelson said she found — one from nine months ago and the other from a few months ago — he was asking someone to kill him.

"We're always looking out for that; it's very common for Asperger's to be suicidal," said Nelson. "We're always there for him, concerned about him, looking out for him, but it's not enough."

Nelson was emotional as she explained there's no use hiding the truth behind her son's situation.

"I don't want to humiliate my son, if he's fine.... If he's just hiding out somewhere," she said. "If he comes back in a day or a week or a month I will have embarrassed him, but I think he will forgive."

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Calgary aims to globally market the ParkPlus technology it developed in-house as a tool for "seamlessly" paying for all kinds of transportation, including public transit, in other cities, while maintaining a third-party e-fare payment system for its own transit.

The Connect Card system — which has been in development for years and was at one point supposed to launch in mid-2012 — is now due to roll out by March 2015, Calgary Transit director Doug Morgan told council Tuesday.

Transit spokesman Ron Collins told Metro that system "will be separate" from the city's ParkPlus system, which the Calgary Parking Authority is now promoting as a multi-platform payment solution around the world.

On Monday, the CPA announced a marketing partnership for ParkPlus with Cubic, an American firm that provides payment and informa-

tion systems for transportation networks in major cities like London, Sydney and Los Angeles and processes 24 billion transactions each year.

Cubic Transportation Systems vice-president David deKozan called the ParkPlus deal "a significant step forward" in the company's NextCity project, which it describes as a way to pay for and manage all sorts of transportation.

CPA manager of business development Kurt McCaw said the goal is to eventually use the technology in all sorts of ways, in all sorts of places.

"You can pay for your parking, you can pay for your ferry ride, and let's say there's a SmartCar car rental for one-way transportation ... you can book that whole trip seamlessly through one interface and through one payment mechanism," he said.

Coun. Gian-Carlo Carra, who sits on the CPA board of directors, said it still may be possible in the future to connect the ParkPlus system with the Connect Card system to integrate a variety of travel-related payments in Calgary, too.

"The beauty of ParkPlus is you can just plug it in," he said. "They are platforms that are able to talk to each other, and we just have to figure out the best ways for them to talk to each other."



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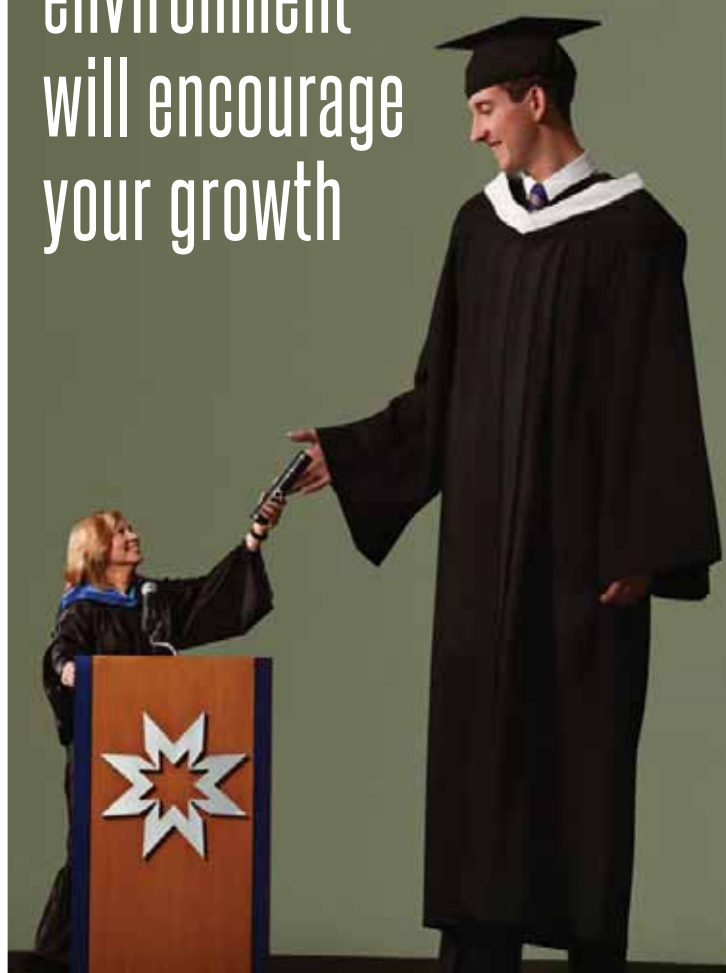
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Severe holiday injuries studied

Calgary and area.
Installing Christmas lights leads to 40 critical injuries, two deaths over 10 years

Forty people have been critically injured and two have died while trying to hang Christmas lights in Calgary and southern Alberta over a 10-year period, according to a new study by trauma surgeons at Foothills Hospital.

"I know the number 40 doesn't sound like a lot, but for such a specific mechanism with that severity of injury, that's quite a lot," said Dr. Michael Driedger, the study's lead author. "If we look at all falls

related to the installation of Christmas lights at that time, it's probably more around 400."

The study only tracked people who suffered multiple traumatic injuries, so a single broken leg or twisted ankle doesn't count among the numbers.

All but one of the patients was male, and their average age was 55. Their average stay in hospital was just over 15 days. Both patients who died were male.

About two thirds of the injuries resulted from falls from a ladder, and the other third were due to falls from a roof.

Driedger said he decided to undertake the study — which involved delving into a pile of patient case files from 2002 to 2012 — after anecdotally

Females injured

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The number of critically injured patients in the study who were female

observing an increase in fall-related injuries in November and December.

"Falls have become a major mechanism behind trauma volume here in Canada, now accounting for more than 40 per cent of our admissions for trauma as well as about 40 per cent of our mortalities," he said.

The study will be published in an upcoming edition of the Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery.

ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Alberta growers find a way to market misshapen veggies

A ripe idea for some not-so-desirable veggies has turned misshapen misfits into dinnertime heroes.

As part of a month-long trial, produce supplier RedHat Co-op brought the vegetables most stores reject to the forefront of numerous Calgary grocers, and the results were surprising.

"On a daily basis (produce managers) were hearing that people were driving past five and 10 grocery stores to get to that grocery store because they knew it had misfits," Mike Meinhardt of RedHat said.

"You hear stories about



Misfit veggies were available in Calgary stores in November on a trial-run basis. CONTRIBUTED

people standing at the display ... talking about the different shapes."

Even in his own home, the

dinner discussion was often interrupted by his kids begging for the misshapen morsels.

The vegetable supplier started the trial in late October to sell produce dubbed "utility grade" in stores that would normally only take the cream of the crop.

The project saved these weird looking veggies and sold them at a 30 per cent discount instead.

Veggies sold in four Calgary Safeway, four Calgary Co-op and three Medicine Hat Co-op locations, as well as Freestone Produce.

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People are seen, candles in hand, during a Ferguson-solidarity protest at Calgary city hall Tuesday night. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

City hall rally: 'We are with Michael Brown'

Black Lives Matter.

Despite cool weather, about 200 turn out for show of solidarity



JEREMY NOLAIS

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Cloaked in black and armed with candles and signs, dozens flocked to Calgary city hall Tuesday night to show solidarity for the residents of Ferguson, Mo., roughly 24 hours after a grand jury decided not to indict police officer Darren Wilson in the fatal shooting of Michael Brown.

"From Ferguson to Cowtown, we are with Michael Brown," and "The people united will never be divided" were among the steady cries from the crowd, which totalled about 200 strong at its peak.

Among those yelling at the top of their lungs was Western Canada High School student

Habtamu Hailu.

He told Metro that, much like in Ferguson, racism is a problem in Calgary, adding that he fails to see how, for all of humanity's achievements, the colour of a person's skin still remains a consideration for some.

"The limitations that we put on ourselves and the people around us is just nonsense.... Just because I'm black and you're white, there's no difference," said Hailu, who is 18, the same age as Brown. "We both have a brain and we both have hearts. We both feel the same things; we both express the same emotions."

SAIT student Joe Wright has been writing online about the race issues that have taken centre stage since Brown died Aug. 9. He only learned of the Calgary protest, called Black Lives Matter, Tuesday morning but put his studies aside for a moment to attend.

He said it was important to keep Calgary's event peaceful but empathized with some

Fateful day

Aug. 9

The day Michael Brown was killed

residents in Ferguson, who've taken to hurling rocks and setting buildings ablaze in recent days.

"Tensions have been so high there for months.... I don't blame them for being violent, I really don't," Wright said.

Nyabuoy Gatbel, who lived in an Ethiopian refugee camp before fleeing to Canada as a young girl, helped organize the rally in short order after protests reignited in Ferguson late Monday. She said she was "very surprised" by the turnout.

"People understand that we're the change we're seeking in the world.... It will send a positive message to our brothers and sisters in the States, in Ferguson," she said. "It will show that we, in Canada, we care."

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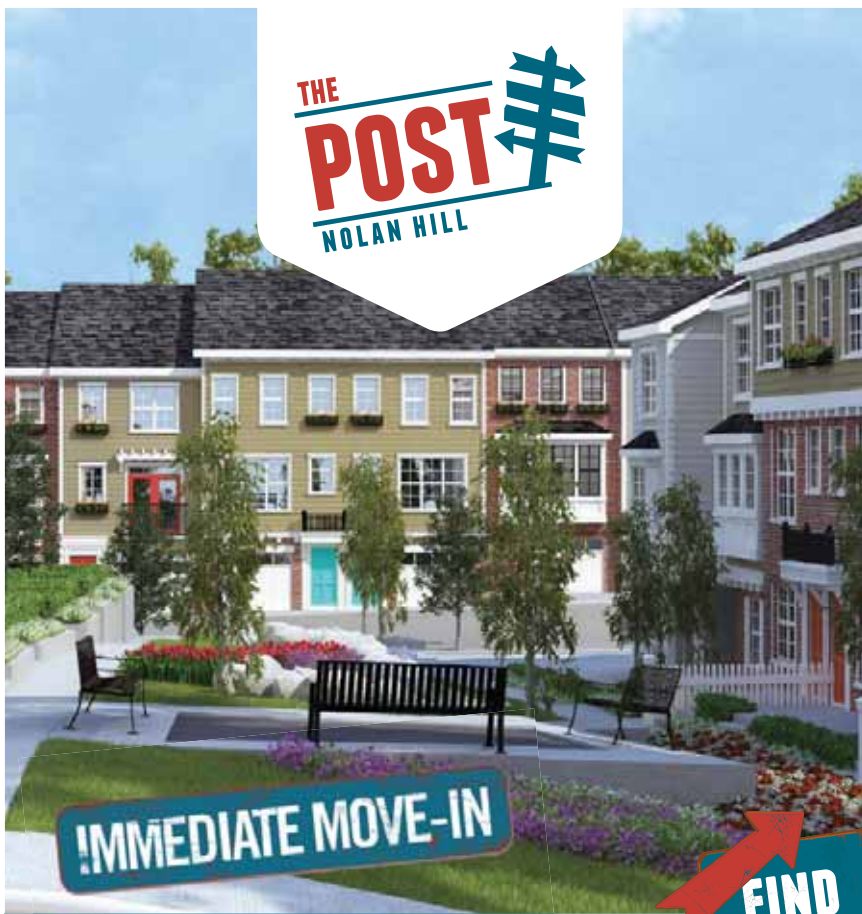
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All the world's a stage, according to one Calgary film buff who hopes to expand the horizons of the average movie watcher.

The inspiration behind Ari Bhullar's Pop Up Cinema came from time spent living in England.

One night while there, she went to a secret screening held in an old office building and found the attendants ripping tickets and serving drinks were all decked out in costumes related to the film.

"It was just such a fun, creative idea, something very different to do," Bhullar recalled Tuesday. "When I came back to Calgary there wasn't anything like it here, except maybe the movies in the park in the summertime.... I thought we could bring something new to the city by doing this."

Bhullar has booked a slate of initial screenings at event



Pop Up Cinema will host its first screening at Calgary's Civic on Third this Friday. Creator Ari Bhullar hopes to screen movies on rooftops and in old courthouses in the future. CONTRIBUTED

venue Civic on Third. Up first Friday will be Pulp Fiction, followed by Fight Club and Snatch on Saturday and Ferris Bueller's Day Off on Sunday.

In place of standard movie-theatre seating, Bhullar has acquired 40 "massive beanbags" that seat two audience members apiece. Attendees can

also bring their own pillows and blankets to create a "cozy" atmosphere.

She's also working to have the venue licensed and hopes to serve snacks and drinks that fit the theme of the movie being shown.

For more information, head to popupcinema.ca.

Tentative deal to settle part of XL Foods class-action suit

Lawyers have brokered a tentative deal to settle part of a class-action lawsuit filed over an E. coli outbreak and the largest meat recall in Canadian history.

The lawsuit is against XL Foods Inc., which operated a meat-packing plant in southern Alberta during the tainted beef recall in 2012.

Rick Mallett, a lawyer for the Edmonton law firm behind the class action, said the settlement is to cover refunds to consumers for products that were recalled. He said the proposed \$1-million settlement, plus other costs, is to go before a judge early next year for approval.

XL Foods recalled more than 1.8 million kilograms of beef in Canada and the United States.

In its statement of defence, the company has denied liability and the allegations contained in the class action. The



Cattle in pasture beside an XL Foods plant at Brooks, Alta., in 2012.
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plant in Brooks was sold to JBS Canada last year.

In October 2012, Brian Nilsson, one of the chief executives of XL Foods, apologized to people who became ill and was quoted in the media as saying that the company takes full responsibility.

If the court approves the settlement, a public notice will be published in newspapers in

Canada and some U.S. states to let people know how to submit claims.

Mallett said the agreement applies to anyone who threw beef away in response to recall notices, even if they can't identify whether it was XL beef.

During the outbreak, health officials confirmed that 18 people in Canada tested positive for a specific strain of E. coli bacteria linked to meat from the company's plant in Brooks.

The proposed deal does not affect the main part of the class-action lawsuit that involves people who claim they became ill. Mallett said that part of the lawsuit could continue for another 18 to 24 months.

He said the number of people who say they became ill is much higher than the 18 cases documented in reports on the XL Foods recall.

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Meet the family, or perhaps not

When reporter Jessica Smith Cross learned Silicon Valley genetics-testing service 23andme was offering Canadians a new \$199 mail-in test, she was curious: how much could she learn from her DNA and how much should she learn? This is the first in a three-part series in which Smith Cross — who took the spit test — delves into the implications of increasingly easy testing in the complicated legal and ethical Canadian landscape.

First up: when it comes to your genes, why would you want to know?



JESSICA SMITH CROSS
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Carolynn Baird had given up on ever meeting her birth mother.

Baird, now in her 70s, has Parkinson's disease and signed up with the California-based genetic-testing company 23andme to learn about her genes. She wanted to know if she had a genetic family history of Parkinson's or if environmental factors were more likely to blame. Being adopted, she didn't know.

But the service didn't just give her access to her familial medical history — it gave her access to her family. Specifically, her mother.

23andme offers its \$199 genetic-testing kits free to Parkinson's patients in an effort to aid research into the disease.

When she got the results, Baird learned she didn't have the typical genetic variant that's believed to predispose people to Parkinson's. She also learned she has a second cousin who, like her, had signed up to 23andme's relative-finding service.

She contacted the woman. "I discovered that she knew my birth family. It was quite a shock."

Baird was adopted at six months and grew up in Ontario's Niagara Peninsula. She said she wanted to know her family out of "human curiosity."

Because of 23andme, Baird met "about 50" relatives and plans to keep in touch.

"This summer my immediate family — my kids, my husband and I — we went to one of their homes and met all the cousins and all the nieces, and it was an absolutely wonderful experience," Baird said. "I never expected my mother



Paul Dodds holds a photograph of his father at his Surrey, B.C., home. Dodds, a war baby, had been searching for the identity of his father for years and found him using 23andme, a genetic-testing service. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/FOR METRO

All in your genes

- Tomorrow: it's not science fiction — Smith Cross discovers genetic discrimination is very real in Canada.
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would still be here. It was quite amazing, really."

Unlike Baird, when I signed up to 23andme, I chose not to be notified if I have any relatives who use the service. I love the family members I have and have no desire to get in touch with a fourth or fifth cousin. But it hadn't occurred to me, until I spoke with people who are searching for



Paul Dodds with his half-sister Teri Evans, right, and his stepsister Melanie Nowlin (his father's second wife's daughter). Dodds was in New Jersey to meet them for the first time earlier this year. CONTRIBUTED

family, what it might mean to find a distant cousin and use that connection to sleuth out family.

Still, Baird has not spoken with her mother. Her family pointed her out, but Baird

chose not to tell her that she was her daughter.

"Since she had never told anyone about me, I didn't want to disturb her life at this stage. So when I went to see her, I just saw her. I didn't go

What if records are not legally available?

An alternate way to trace birth parents

A mother who gave up her child for adoption — or a once-anonymous sperm donor — can be discovered through 23andme if one of their blood relatives signs up and gets in contact with the person seeking the identity of their family. But that's not to say the mother or father wants to be found.

The laws surrounding the disclosure of birth-parent identity differ across Canada. For example, the parents of children born in Alberta and adopted prior to 2005 can veto the disclosure of their identities to the child. Parents in Ontario can veto the release of their identities if the adoption occurred before Sept. 1, 2008. In B.C., that veto date is November 1996. In Nova Scotia, both birth parent and adopted

child must agree to the disclosure of the parent's identity. Manitoba's laws are set to change next year so that parents and children will no longer be able to veto the release of their information.

So, children seeking their birth parents can, in some cases, find out who they are through 23andme, even if the government records wouldn't legally be available in their situation.

Sometimes, finding family members you didn't know you had isn't a good thing.

For example, a biology teacher wrote an essay on Vox.com about how he accidentally gave his parents "the gift of divorce" when he gave them 23andme kits for Christmas and they found his dad had fathered another child.

"I'm really devastated at the outcome," the man, who withheld his name, wrote. "I wrestle with these emotions. I love my family. This is nothing I ever would have wished."

and speak to her," Baird said.

In Surrey, B.C., resident Paul Dodds is urging Canadians, especially those who had relatives in the military, to take DNA tests so "war babies" like him who are the children of North American men who served overseas have a chance to find their relatives.

Dodds grew up thinking his mother's husband, Len Dodds, was his father.

When he was 50, Len passed away from a rare cancer. He called a relative to find out more about Len's medical history, and that's when an

uncle told him the truth.

"My mother had been deliberately lying to me," Dodds said. "She was hiding something, and I had to find out."

Dodds was born in Wales just after the Second World War.

Dodds tried 23andme and found a first cousin, who led him to his half sister, who lives in New Jersey.

He learned his biological father, Leon Rossien, was in Dodds' mother's area around Victory in Europe Day, May 8, 1945, when Dodds was conceived.

Magnotta defence rests its case, prosecution to rebut



Diran Lin, father of Jun Lin, leaves the courtroom at the murder trial of Luka Rocco Magnotta on Tuesday in Montreal. Magnotta is charged in connection with the death and dismemberment of university student Jun Lin, a case that made international headlines. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Shifting focus. Court has heard testimony from two psychiatrists hired by the defence

The defence formally rested its case in the first-degree murder trial of Luka Rocco Magnotta on Tuesday without the accused having taken the stand.

Attorney Luc Leclair presented a dozen witnesses over two weeks, and although Magnotta did not testify, Leclair called several witnesses, namely his father and two forensic psychiatrists who assessed him for criminal responsibility.

Magnotta, 32, is charged with first-degree murder in the slaying and dismemberment of Jun Lin, a Chinese engineering student. The accused admitted to the killing but pleaded not guilty due to a mental disorder.

The two psychiatrists hired by the defence have said they believe Magnotta was in a psychotic state the night Lin was

killed and that he was unable to tell right from wrong. They also noted his schizophrenia had gone untreated since 2010.

Crown witness Dr. Joel Paris, a Montreal psychiatrist, said he observed no signs of schizophrenia or indications of prolonged psychosis when he met with Magnotta.

"We didn't have the evidence for it," Paris said. "There was no evidence of an extended period of psychosis."

With the trial in its ninth week, the prosecution began calling rebuttal witnesses with the defence resting its case.

Later the jury briefly heard from Dr. Gilles Chamberland, a forensic psychiatrist hired by the crown to assess Magnotta.

He said he was told Magnotta would not meet him, but he had access to medical records and Crown evidence.

He notes Magnotta either suffers from schizophrenia or more from personality disorder, and finds it difficult to believe the latter would be the root problem. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Freedom? Ex-hairstylist may be exonerated

A former hairstylist turned drug dealer who spent 23 years in prison for murder is one step closer to possibly clearing his name.

Federal Justice Minister Peter MacKay has referred Frank Ostrowski's case to the Manitoba Court of Appeal. MacKay said in a written statement he was "satisfied there is a reasonable basis to conclude that a miscarriage of justice likely occurred in Mr. Ostrowski's 1987 conviction."

Ostrowski, 65, said he is anxious for the ordeal to be over.

"It doesn't take long to put somebody in (prison), but



Frank Ostrowski
STEVE LAMBERT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

it takes them a long time to change things," he said after a brief court appearance in which his bail was continued.

Ostrowski was found guilty of ordering the shooting death of Robert Nieman over a drug debt. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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Publication ban. News outlet publishes name of teen girl in child-porn case

Police have launched an investigation into a possible breach of a publication ban after a major news outlet in Halifax published the name of a teenage girl at the centre of a high-profile child-pornography case.

Const. Pierre Bourdages said Tuesday that they had received several reports from citizens complaining about the use of the girl's name, which is subject to a publication ban under the Criminal Code.

"There's already been a number of complaints filed with the department in relation to this article," he said.

"There's an alleged breach of the publication ban ... so we have an investigation ongoing

now."

The news outlet said late Monday that it decided to name the girl because it believes doing so is in the public interest, given the widespread recognition of her name and the good that can come from free public debate over sexual consent and other elements of her story.

The girl's family has been steadfast in their opposition to the ban, arguing that concealing her name ends up silencing her and suppressing part of her story.

Her father, who often wore T-shirts bearing her name in court, said he was thrilled to see the outlet use his daughter's name. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Jian Ghomeshi withdraws \$55M lawsuit against CBC

Abuse allegations. CBC spokesman says both sides have reached an agreement, but Ghomeshi is to receive 'nothing'

Scandal-plagued former radio host Jian Ghomeshi has reached an agreement with the CBC to withdraw his \$55-million lawsuit against the public broadcaster, a CBC spokesman said on Tuesday.

Ghomeshi was fired by the

CBC last month amid allegations of "abusive behaviour" from numerous women — claims he has denied.

The 47-year-old former host of the radio program Q launched his lawsuit a day after the termination of his employment, alleging defamation and breach of confidence in his statement of claim.

The CBC then argued in court filings earlier this month that Ghomeshi's allegations were frivolous or vexatious and urged a court to dismiss the suit.

CBC spokesman Chuck Thompson confirmed that law-



Former CBC radio host Jian Ghomeshi
CBC/THE CANADIAN PRESS

CBC," he said. "He's getting nothing."

Ghomeshi is expected to pay \$18,000 in legal costs to the CBC, Thompson said. Ghomeshi had also filed a union grievance against the CBC alleging dismissal without cause, a matter Thompson said remains active.

A lawyer for Ghomeshi confirmed that the lawsuit between his client and the CBC "has been resolved."

The CBC has said it decided to fire Ghomeshi after seeing "graphic evidence" that he had physically injured a woman.

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yers for both sides have now reached an agreement.

"The suit is being withdrawn with costs in favour of

Highlights from auditor general's report

Auditor general Michael Ferguson released his fall report Tuesday. Here are six issues highlighted by the audit team.

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Long wait times

Many of Canada's battle-scarred veterans wait up to eight months to find out if they are eligible for long-term, mental-health disability benefits, and the department responsible for their care doesn't know if its treatment programs are effective. The report takes Veterans Affairs Canada — as well as National Defence — to task for saddling veterans with an array of paperwork and for making them wait a long time for help.

Sex-offender registry lacking information

The national sex-offender registry may not include some Canadians convicted of crimes abroad because the RCMP doesn't have access to Foreign Affairs information on convicts released from prisons in other countries. The report urges the RCMP to work with the department on improving information sharing.

In general, the RCMP did not have access to information on Canadians arrested, charged, convicted and released from foreign prisons. However the report says RCMP and Public Safety Canada were working well with foreign police on criminal investigations that affect Canadians.



Who benefits from food program in Northern Canada?

The federal government can't tell if northerners are reaping the full benefit of a program aimed at helping to offset the high cost of food in the North.

The audit team also had problems with the fact that the department doesn't collect reliable data on the profit margins of retailers in order to determine whether consumers are benefiting from the full subsidy.

Clutter in Library and Archives Canada an issue

Future generations may not be able to enjoy Canada's recorded heritage — including photos, maps and important documents — because Library and Archives Canada is not collecting all of the material it should from federal agencies.

The auditor general's report says Library and Archives doesn't know what it already has due to a backlog of 98,000 boxes of records.

Poor finding aids for some of the material in its collection make it hard to locate records — including documents on Indian residential schools needed by the federal Truth and Reconciliation Commission.



Aid projects plagued by delays

Funding delays of more than a year plagued two Canada humanitarian-assistance projects in Syria, while the military's water-purification system didn't measure up during last year's typhoon in the Philippines. The report examined 42 Foreign Affairs projects totalling \$172 million in response to eight global crises between April 2011 and December 2013, including African drought and famine, floods in Central America, an earthquake in Guatemala and Hurricane Sandy.

A struggle to obtain information on auto bailout

Canadians would have to go searching through a bunch of different reports if they wanted to piece together how their tax dollars were spent on big auto bailouts.

The audit team says they struggled to get a full picture of the aid given to automakers, whether the money made a difference and how much was recovered and lost.

They say that's because no single department or agency was in charge of collecting and reporting all this information.

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This aerial photo shows the St. Louis skyline in the distance, Tuesday, as businesses smolder in Ferguson, Mo., after they were burned in overnight riots following a grand jury's decision not to indict police officer Darren Wilson in the killing of Michael Brown. CHARLIE RIEDEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Protests, arrests rock Ferguson

Shooting death of Michael Brown.

Protesters peaceful and violent alike took to the streets last night in wake of grand jury decision

Missouri's governor ordered more National Guardsmen into Ferguson on Tuesday to keep order after a night of violence over a grand jury decision in the police shooting of Michael Brown.

Smoke billowed from burned-out Ferguson businesses on Tuesday, and glass littered the sidewalks from display windows that were smashed during the riots that erupted after it was announced that police officer Darren Wilson wouldn't be indicted for killing Brown on Aug. 9.

More than a dozen busi-

nesses were badly damaged or destroyed.

Authorities reported hearing hundreds of gunshots, which for a time prevented fire crews from fighting the flames.

There were 61 arrests in Ferguson overnight, St. Louis County Police spokesman Brian Schellman said. There were 21 arrests in St. Louis, where protesters broke some store windows along South Grand Avenue, St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay said.

At least 18 people were injured and sought treatment at area hospitals, including someone who was shot and was recovering Tuesday at SSM DePaul Health Center.

The hospital didn't give any details about the shooting.

Two other people were admitted to Barnes-Jewish Hospital for undisclosed injuries.

Everyone else was treated and released.

Simmering U.S. tensions

The world reacts

The protests in Ferguson reflect simmering U.S. tensions over racial discrimination that could undermine the country's stability, a senior Russian diplomat said Tuesday. The comments by the Russian Foreign Ministry's human-rights envoy, Konstantin Dolgov, were among the sharpest from a foreign official as images of violent protests in Ferguson topped newscasts around the world.

The grand jury's decision means that Wilson, who is white, will not face any state criminal charges for killing Brown, who was black and unarmed. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Watchdog in favour of ride-sharing apps

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After several cities took action against Uber, the federal regulator suggests loosening the rules may be the answer

The Competition Bureau says municipalities should consider whether moves to ban digital dispatch services and ride-sharing applications are necessary.

In a commentary published on its website, the federal regulator said Tuesday that municipalities should look to see if less-restrictive regulations could address their concerns.

"The Competition Bureau is of the view that these innovative business models have the potential to offer important benefits to consumers through more competition, including lower prices, greater convenience and better service qual-

Uber

Uber, which operates around the world, has faced criticism and bitter opposition to its operations from established players.

- The company, in turn, has accused taxi companies of trying to stifle competition and said ride-sharing brings costs down for users and creates jobs.

- In seeking its injunction, Toronto accused Uber of carrying on the business of a taxicab broker or limousine service company because it is accepting and processing requests for taxicab or limousine services from passengers but has not applied for or received a licence.

ity for a variety of reasons," the regulator said.

The comments follow a move by Toronto last week to seek a court injunction to force Uber Canada Inc. to stop operations in that city.

The Competition Bureau said municipalities have raised concerns that digital dispatch services may not comply with local regulations and licensing requirements.

It noted that Montreal, Calgary and Vancouver recently disallowed ride-sharing services and Ottawa and Toronto have taken enforcement action.

The regulator said some have also raised concerns about consumer-protection issues, including safety and privacy concerns.

"While the bureau is not well-placed to assess safety concerns, which may well be legitimate, we are able to highlight to regulators what they give up in terms of reduced competition when these innovative offerings are prohibited," the regulator said.

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Big hits for smaller paycheques

Bollywood actors Hrithik Roshan, right, and Katrina Kaif pose for the media during the music launch of their upcoming film Bang Bang in Mumbai, India, in this Sept. 17 file photo. This is Bollywood's year of the woman. Some of the biggest hits in India's prolific movie industry this year have female leads in female-oriented stories, but a film actress gets paid a fraction of what their male counterparts command. Top male stars earn around 400 million rupees (\$6.7 million US) per film on average, apart from a share of the profits, according to industry experts. A-list actresses such as Deepika Padukone and Kaif get paid a tenth of that per film. RAFIQ MAQBOO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Waterloo, Ont.

BlackBerry paying people to ditch their iPhones

BlackBerry hopes a \$600 incentive will convince iPhone users to swap their touchscreen Apple device for a keyboard-equipped BlackBerry Passport.

The technology company plans to launch the holiday promotion in December, giving customers up to \$400 of trade-in value plus \$200 through a prepaid credit card. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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VOICES

'HANDS UP, DON'T SHOOT' RESONATES HERE

Emotions are running high and many questions remain in the aftermath of a grand jury's decision not to indict Officer Darren Wilson in the shooting death of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo. Jen Taplin spoke with author, activist, spoken-word artist, professor and Halifax Regional Municipality poet laureate El Jones on why Canada needs to pay attention.



JENNIFER TAPLIN
Metro in Halifax

What was your reaction when you heard Darren Wilson would not be indicted? What's the saying? "Shocked but not surprised."

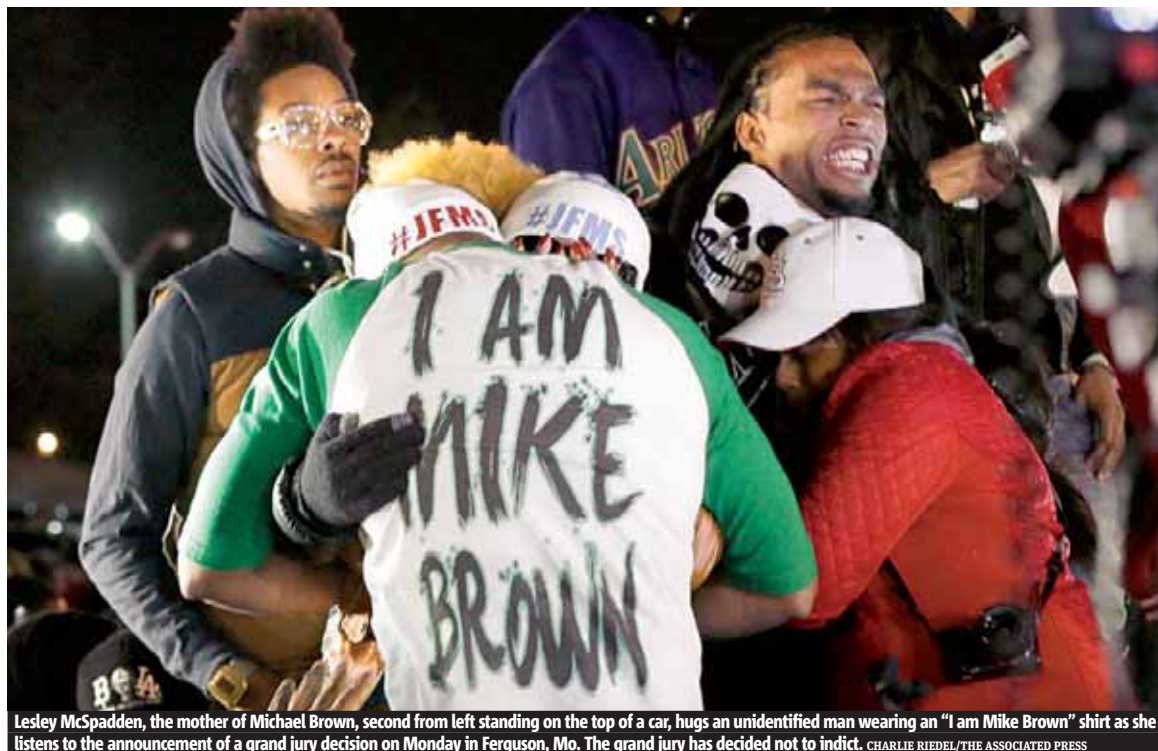
To indict the officer is to indict the system, and they can't indict the system without then reforming it, so I didn't expect anything to happen there.

What do you think about the reaction across the United States? You've seen photos of them being treated like it's a hostile military country imposing no-fly zones.

So that's very disturbing, that people who are citizens of the country being treated like the enemy, with the same tactics they're using in Iraq or Afghanistan as invaders, and occupation is being directed at its own citizens.

From the beginning, there's been a consistent police response, which has been about repression rather than recognizing the right of the people to be in their own streets in their own country. We tend to get this media response that it's looting, it's rioting. (But) it's revolution.

The people are recognizing the solutions are not going to lie inside the political system, the justice system. It's going to



Lesley McSpadden, the mother of Michael Brown, second from left standing on the top of a car, hugs an unidentified man wearing an "I am Mike Brown" shirt as she listens to the announcement of a grand jury decision on Monday in Ferguson, Mo. The grand jury has decided not to indict. CHARLIE RIEDEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

have to be from people making their own response, and that's what we've seen on the streets of Ferguson.

People want to characterize that as violence, as that delegitimizes the protest.... I know people get frightened when

something revolutionary happens but I think it's positive because what we've seen is the ordinary people organizing.

What about the reaction in Canada? There's been a lot more awareness of racial pro-

filing and police brutality in general.... We had the Moncton shootings and we're always coming through this lens in Canada, especially with Ottawa, of violence against police versus police violence.

There's that question of, "Is

it disrespectful to talk about the police when we've had Moncton?" When we held the Ferguson Rally in Halifax, people said, "There aren't shootings here, so why are you holding a rally?"

And we said, "Well, that's

Quoted



"People said, 'There aren't shootings here, so why are you holding a rally?' And we said, 'Well, that's why. We want to get people organized to work in our communities before there's a crisis point.'"

El Jones, on why it's important to protest in Canada

why. We want to get people organized to work in our communities before there's a crisis point, because once you're in crisis, there's no justice and there's nothing that can happen. Once somebody's dead, what can you do?"

As African people, we have the right to engage our police departments. We should have a race-relations committee; we should have members of the community that are keeping the police accountable; we should be doing neighbourhood watch and police watch to make sure policing in our community is in relation to us and we have whatever relationships we need to have in the police department.

Grand juries

The difference between U.S. and Canada



KATE PUDDISTER
Guest column

When a grand jury looked at the shooting death of Michael Brown, it was not assessing the guilt or innocence of Officer Darren Wilson, but rather if the prosecution could lay a charge against him and what that charge should be.

In the U.S., grand jury deliberations are controlled by the prosecution and done in secret. The prosecution presents evidence and explains the law to the jury and how it applies to the particular case. The defence does not participate in a grand jury and thus there is no cross-examination of witnesses. The findings of a grand jury do not have to be unanimous; in Missouri, nine out of 12 jurors must support indictment for a charge to be laid. Prosecutor Robert McCulloch did not have to go the grand jury route. He could have laid charges and proceeded to a preliminary

hearing, a process also used in Canada for serious offences. Unlike a grand jury, a preliminary hearing takes place in an open court, is supervised by a judge and allows for the cross-examination of witnesses by the defence.

Canada does not use a grand jury process. Instead, in most Canadian provinces the police have the power to lay charges in criminal matters (with the exception of B.C. and Quebec). Once charges have been laid, it is up to the Crown prosecutor to decide which charges will be pursued in court. The Crown must decide based on the evidence if the prosecution is in

the public interest and if there is a likelihood of conviction. Had this incident taken place in Ontario, the Special Investigations Unit (an independent civilian agency) would investigate and determine if criminal charges should be laid, as was the case most recently in the police shooting death of Sammy Yatim in Toronto, who, in an incident caught on tape, was shot eight times by police on a streetcar. The officer in the Yatim case, James Forcillo, was charged with second-degree murder by the SIU and is currently awaiting trial.

It is difficult to know whether the outcome would

be different had the Ferguson case taken place in Canada. Arguably, in an Ontario scenario, the process would have been less controlled by the prosecution, there would have been an SIU investigation and the evidence presented would be subject to more restrictions and cross-examination by the defence. Finally, the decision to prosecute would not be left to a secret decision made by 12 anonymous individuals.

Kate Puddister is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Political Science at McGill University. Her research focuses on law and politics and Canadian criminal-justice policy.

Canadian stats

In at least one Canadian jurisdiction, police rarely face charges when involved in violent incidents.

- According to a 2010 investigation by the Toronto Star, the SIU had to date conducted more than 3,400 investigations, with criminal charges being laid in only 95 cases. Only 16 officers had been convicted of a crime, and three had gotten jail time.

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SCENEAniston revs up Dr. Julia's
raunch in *Horrible Bosses 2*

Movies. Actress game to spice up sex fiend reboot but draws the line at mixing smut with gravy



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Metro World News in Hollywood

In *Horrible Bosses 2*, Jennifer Aniston's sexually predatory Dr. Julia character from the first film finds herself in a setting that shouldn't be that surprising: a support group for sexual compulsives. Only she's not necessarily there with the most honest of intentions. Apparently she was faking the first step.

"I think the intention was to maybe seek help, but I think what she ultimately found out was that this is just like chum for her," Aniston says of the scene.

"What a wonderful sort of easy (opportunity). I'm sure she'd lost all of her patients, she'd done all of them, so maybe this was just another wonderful, innocent way to find more prey."

Dr. Julia as a character is one that got Aniston a lot of acclaim the first time around, particularly because it involved more raunch and raciness than audiences were necessarily expecting from her, and that's something she revelled in.

"She's a hard one to let go of. I didn't get enough of her. It was just like a little In and Out burger, and then she was done," Aniston says.

"I find it extremely enter-



Jennifer Aniston as Dr. Julia in *Horrible Bosses 2*. CONTRIBUTED

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"I think the writers called just to say, 'How far can we go with Dr. Julia?' I basically said, 'Go as far as you can go, as long as we're not insulting or offending too many people.'"

Jennifer Aniston

taining, the way she speaks, because I don't really think, to her, she's saying anything inappropriate. I think to her, it's describing the ingredients to a wonderful soufflé or what are we going to be doing this weekend."

For a sequel, though, clearly the envelope needed to be pushed.

"Honestly, I think the writers called just to say, 'How far can we go with Dr. Julia?'"

"I basically said, 'Go as far as you can go, as long as we're not insulting or offending too many people.' I think it rose itself to the occasion. The dialogue was great," she says.

Well, maybe not all of it was that great. There's a moment during the outtakes that play over the film's credits where Aniston flat-out refuses to say an improvised line of dialogue — and now she can't even remember what it was.

"I want to know what the line was! I don't remember," she says.

"The one thing I wouldn't say — imagine how bad it must've been if I said that I can't say it. Either it was

Horrible Bosses 2

Director. Sean Anders

Stars. Jason Bateman, Jason Sudeikis, Jennifer Aniston

The second look at the pitiful employment record of Nick (Jason Bateman), Kurt (Jason Sudeikis) and Dale (Charlie Day) sees them try to strike it rich with a new product called the Shower Buddy, but when a shady billionaire (Christoph Waltz) pulls a fast one, they get even by kidnapping his son (Chris Pine). There are more laughs on the average job application than in this workplace "comedy." Bateman, Sudeikis and Day seem to be having fun, joking and jostling like brothers, giggling as if they are in on a fantastic gag that only they get. It's too bad the audience doesn't have as much fun watching the movie as the cast apparently did while making it. **RICHARD CROUSE**

so bad or I just really didn't understand it — probably one of the two."

Luckily, one of the film's producers is on hand to remind her: It had something to do with using gravy for sexual purposes.

"It had to do with gravy? Well there you go, right there," she says. "I can tell you, gravy is not funny. Sexual gravy is not funny."

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Movies. Peek at new Star Wars coming this weekend

A teaser trailer for the new Star Wars movie will be released Friday, according to the director of the upcoming seventh film in the iconic franchise.

"A tiny peek at what we're working on — this Friday, in select theaters," tweeted filmmaker J.J. Abrams, adding that the trailer will be 88 seconds long.

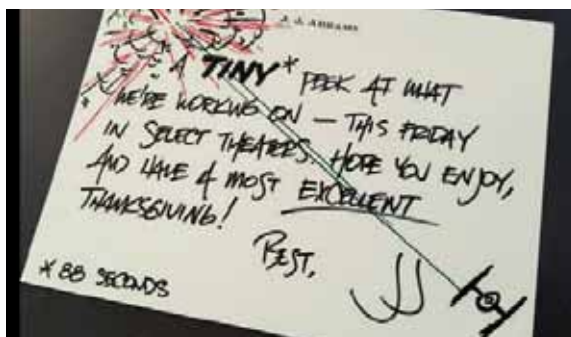
"Hope you enjoy, and have a most excellent Thanksgiving," he said, referring to the U.S. national

holiday this Thursday.

Earlier this month studio giant Disney revealed the name of the new film, Star Wars: The Force Awakens, saying filming had been completed on the movie, due for release on Dec. 18, 2015.

Star Wars has attracted generations of loyal fans ever since the first film arrived in 1977 recounting the adventures of Skywalker, Han Solo and Darth Vader.

Filming began in Britain in May on Episode VII. **AFP**



A screenshot of the @bad_robot Twitter account, showing J.J. Abrams' note teasing the Star Wars: The Force Awakens trailer. TWITTER: @BAD_ROBOT

TV. McAdams, Reilly to join cast of True Detective

Two actresses seen in Sherlock Holmes will share the limelight in the second season of the acclaimed HBO drama True Detective.

A few weeks before filming starts, the network has unveiled the season's cast, confirming that Rachel McAdams, Kelly Reilly and Taylor Kitsch will be on board. They join Colin Farrell and Vince Vaughn, who were announced back in September.

The eight episodes of True Detective Season 2 will be shot in California. Justin Lin (Fast and Furious) will helm the first two episodes.

The season will open on the murder of a criminal, with Farrell, McAdams and Kitsch's characters investigating this crime. Farrell will play detective Ray Velcoro, torn between a corrupt police force and a mobster who owns him. McAdams will be Ani Bezzerides, a police officer with uncompromising ethics, while Kitsch will embody Paul Woodrugh, a war veteran with a difficult past.

Vince Vaughn is set to play Frank Semyon, whose crimin-



Rachel McAdams **AFP FILE**

al empire is threatened by his business partner's murder. His wife Jordan, played by Reilly, is a former D-List actress committed to her husband's ambition.

The first series of True Detective, co-starring Matthew McConaughey and Woody Harrelson on the hunt for a serial killer in Louisiana, was a critical and popular hit.

Despite winning only a handful of Emmy Awards in minor categories, True Detective remains one of the most talked-about shows of 2014. **AFP**

Television

Tina Fey sitcom bound for Netflix

Netflix has picked up two seasons of a new sitcom from Tina Fey.

Titled Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt, it focuses on a woman who escapes from a doomsday cult and starts life over in New York. It was co-created by Fey and Robert Carlock, who collaborated on 30 Rock.

It stars Ellie Kemper of The Office. Fey isn't scheduled to appear in the series. Netflix says the 13-episode first season will premiere in March.

The series had originally been bound for NBC, but that network passed.

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Tina Fey **GETTY IMAGES FILE**

Movies



Oscar Isaac **AFP FILE**

Isaac to play X-Men villain Apocalypse

Inside Llewyn Davis star Oscar Isaac will face the X-Men squad in the third part of the trilogy.

In the last few years, Isaac has achieved a certain fame thanks to roles in Drive, The Bourne Legacy and The Two Faces of January, but he is now increasingly becoming a Hollywood actor.

He was chosen to play a 3,000-year-old Egyptian mutant with disproportionate powers in X-Men Apocalypse, in U.S. theatres in May 2016. **AFP**

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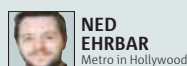
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Pitt and Jolie's balcony scene shows not all is domestic bliss



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Metro in Hollywood

The working honeymoon is apparently over for Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, who were spotted by paparazzi having an "explosive" argument on a balcony of Sydney's InterContinental hotel just hours before the Australian premiere of *Unbroken*, her new film. "He was clearly exasperated with her. They kept talking over each other and putting their hands up in anger. They were upset, but going nowhere. Angie looked like she was on the verge

of tears," a source — who, come on, is obviously the photographer — tells *In Touch*.

And after their red carpet duties were done? They departed Australia — "Brad in one private jet, and Angie in another," another source says.

Now, according to Jolie herself, things at home are going pretty swell, though she does admit there's room for improvement.

"I think we have moments where I'll say, 'I'm going to be a better wife. I'm going to cook,'" Jolie tells Tom Brokaw during an interview. "And he says, 'Oh, honey. Just know what you're good at. Know what you're not.' But I do this: 'No, no, no! I'm going to get this wife thing down.'"

Maybe they were having one of those moments up on that balcony. Here's to hoping.

As if one major cutie in the family wasn't enough, the Hemsworths get a puppy

If Chris Hemsworth is the Sexiest Man Alive, does that mean the pooch his family just added to their ranks is the Cutest Puppy Alive?

Not that I'm saying it isn't, mind you. Just wondering if this is some

sort of line of succession thing. The *Thor* star's wife, actress Elsa Pataky, posted a photo of the pup on Instagram with the multilingual message, "Our new family member!" along with the hashtag cute.

Again, not arguing.



Chris Hemsworth and his new puppy ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

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6. Keep a few coins on you in case the toilet has a toll.
7. When presented with facilities that are not what you're used to (i.e. holes in the floor), just roll with it. At least you'll get a good story out of it.

DOUG WALLACE/METRO

Trend

Airport cinemas for the layover crowd

Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport is about to open a screening room for passengers in transit with time on their hands. This new viewing lounge is part of a larger arts-oriented refurbishment (pictured) that hopes to give travelers a better sense of the city's cultural offerings. Airports in Seoul, Hong Kong and Singapore already have commercial cinemas — Hong Kong's being an IMAX. Watch for other U.S. hub cities like Dallas and Philadelphia to follow suit.

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Drinking in all the world has to offer

Jack Maxwell (pictured here at left) drinks for a living. From moss schnapps in Iceland to gut-busting raki in Turkey and homebrew in the Himalayas, he's learned the hard way that tippler's truism: "It's always five o'clock somewhere." Maxwell is the host of Booze Traveler, which debuted this month on the Travel Channel. Part travelogue, part drinking diary, Booze Traveler takes viewers with Maxwell as he travels to Louisiana, Tennessee and 13 foreign countries, including Armenia, Belize, Lithuania, Mongolia and Nepal. Jaw-dropping scenery serves as a backdrop for many of Maxwell's adventures. In South Africa, he awakes to zebra, impala and giraffes grazing on the sun-dappled savannah, describing it as the perfect hangover cure. Each hour-long episode is a quest to distill the essence of a place through its beers, wines and spirits — a lighthearted look at the world through the lens of a glass. "Every society in history has come up with some form of alcohol to celebrate, to mourn, to take the edge off a long day," he says. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Honolulu's urban scene

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When people think of Honolulu, they are usually thinking of surf, sand and hula dancing. And while a visit to Waikiki — the city's main hotel and resort area on the south shore — is a must-see, there is a new urban culture that's well worth exploring.

With an emerging arts scene, new culinary offerings and trendy nightlife, Honolulu is developing its urban culture alongside the preservation of its cultural heritage.

"We're continuing to see the destination evolve through emerging neighbourhoods where communities of new, local talent — young chefs, artists, filmmakers and designers — are redefining Hawaii's culture, providing new

experiences for visitors," said Les Enderton, executive director with the Oahu Visitors Bureau.

Over the past few years, Honolulu has seen a revitalization of Chinatown in the city's downtown core, which had a reputation for being rather seedy. While visitors can still experience Chinatown's traditional markets, herbal medicine shops and dim sum restaurants, the area has transformed into one of Oahu's hottest fashion, arts and dining districts.

Locally owned boutiques have opened their doors, including Fighting Eel, Homecoming, Andy South, in4mation and Florencia Arias. And art galleries, such as The Arts at



Tasting coconut shrimp with fresh pineapple or savoury garlic prawns from a shrimp truck shouldn't be missed if you visit Honolulu.

Marks Garage, feature exhibits by local and up-and-coming artists.

A new generation of chefs is offering its take on traditional Hawaiian cuisine, with a focus on sustainability and locally sourced produce.

Chinatown is also one of the best spots to take in Honolulu's nightlife, with a high concentration of local watering holes and trendy bars. There's Bar 35, which serves up more than 150 beers from 21 countries, while Next Door hosts renowned DJs, and Downbeat Diner and Lounge offers live music.

Local favourite The



Honolulu offers the best of both worlds: An emerging urban scene, with outdoor adventures like surfing. HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY TOR JOHNSON PHOTOS

Honolulu side trips

- Notable attractions in and around Honolulu include Pearl Harbor, Iolani Palace, Nuuanu Pali Lookout, and Hanauma Bay, as well as the Honolulu Zoo and Waikiki Aquarium for family fun.
- Or rent a car for the day and head to the North Shore to take in the island's surf culture. The world's top surfing competitions take place here, where waves can swell up to 30 feet or more.

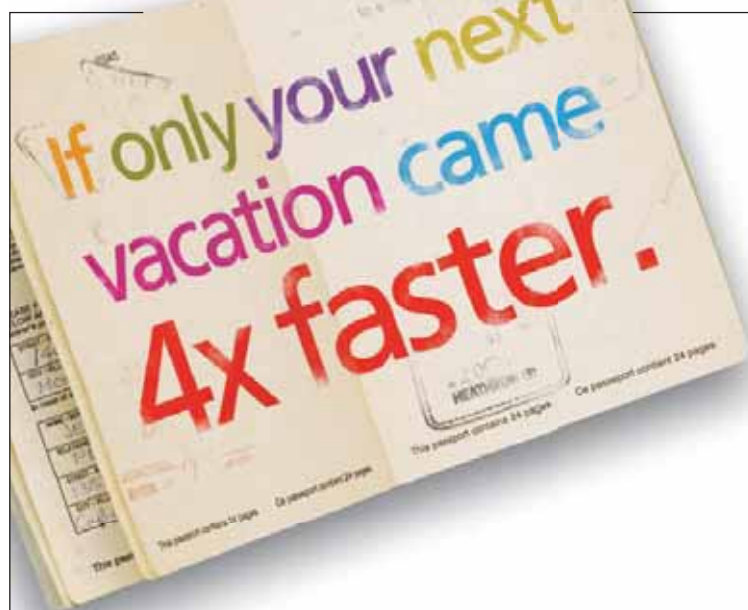
Manifest acts as an art gallery and café by day, turning into a bar in the evening with one of the best selections of whisky in Hawaii. This is the place to get an Old Fashioned: Justin Park, Manifest's bar manager, was recently se-

lected by the U.S. Bartenders' Guild to represent the U.S. in an International Bartenders' Association world cocktail championship in South Africa.

The Kakaako neighbourhood is also emerging as a

Honolulu hot spot, serving as an incubator for artists, chefs and entrepreneurs. The area, which is undergoing a revitalization, is home to Honolulu Beerworks, which brews and serves local beer on-site, and Highway Inn, a longtime local favourite serving traditional Hawaiian fare.

Honolulu offers the best of both worlds: An emerging urban scene, with outdoor adventure and traditional culture. Learning to surf, experiencing a traditional luau and stopping by a shrimp truck — to sample coconut shrimp with fresh pineapple or savoury garlic prawns — shouldn't be missed.



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Grape expectations in New Zealand

Wine tours. Enjoy stunning scenery while sipping some of the world's fine wines

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Although New Zealand is a tiny country — less than a quarter the size of Ontario — it's been called "God's workshop" because it boasts virtually every environment on earth — from the rolling plains and vistas of Hawke's Bay to the rugged ranges of Queenstown; from the steaming geothermal pools of Rotorua to the glorious white beaches of Waiheke Island.

Now consider that you can explore almost any of these areas while stopping regularly to sample some of the best wines in the world and ... well, what are we waiting for?

Here are three great places to start.

Hawke's Bay

Why: New Zealand's oldest winemaking region; start of the Classic New Zealand Wine Trail (see sidebar); known for red wines: Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and syrah.

Must-stop wineries

Trinity Hill: Although Trinity Hill's wines have won a barrel-ful of international awards, the atmosphere at the winery is relaxed and welcoming. Enjoy live music while you picnic on the sprawling lawns.

Sileni Estates: In addition to its award-winning wines (many of which you can buy in Canada), Sileni Estates operates an on-site cheese larder and sells a range of gourmet food items — including cheese (of course), chutneys and Chardonnay and Merlot truffles.

Central Otago

Why: One of New Zealand's most well-known wine-producing regions; spectacular views of the Southern Alps; known for Pinot Noir, Riesling, Pinot Gris.



New Zealand has been called 'God's workshop' because it boasts almost every environment on earth — including some great grape growing regions. PHOTOS: KATHY ULLYOTT/METRO

Must-stop wineries

Mt. Rosa: Everything about Mt. Rosa (once a sheep station) aims to cut the pretension and up the approachability of wine.

Try a sip (or a few) in the tasting room, an old woodshed where "the thousands of

Merinos that once inhabited Mt. Rosa Station got naked," according to the winery's very amusing website (mtr-osa.co.nz).

Peregrine: As you sample "wines with altitude" in the

award-winning, outstretched-wing design of Peregrine's winery building, know that you are supporting Peregrine's conservation efforts regarding the endangered New Zealand falcon, South Island Saddleback and Mohua.

Waiheke Island

Why: A great day trip from the major city of Auckland, just across the bay; known for Cabernet, Syrah, Malbec and Chardonnay; 30 boutique wineries specialize in high-quality wines and sustainable practices.

Must-stop wineries:

Kennedy Point: The only certified organic winery on Waiheke, Kennedy Point (it even keeps its highland cattle to supply the vines with fertilizer) also produces olive oil, avocado oil and manuka honey. Wine tastings are complemented with local treats such as oysters, New Zealand cheese, duck rillettes and smoked salmon.

Peacock Sky: Canadian chef Connie Festa established Peacock Sky Vineyard (named for the 50 wild peacocks in residence) with her partner Rob 10 years ago. Since then, Peacock Sky has built a reputation not just for fine boutique wines, but for its tasting room, where a degustation experience lets guests sample wines with complementary foods.

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Shake off party nights with a round of golf

Las Vegas. Sin City might be best known for its gambling and night life, but its luxe links are worth a wake-up call



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In a city that never sleeps, world-class golf is as much a part of the scene as chorus girls, roulette wheels and morning-after regrets.

If the Hangover movies have taught us anything, it's that unbridled craziness is bound to happen at some point during a Las Vegas vacation.

That's why a round or two of golf is such an essential part of your itinerary. Nothing clears a head like a brisk 18 holes in the Nevada desert after a night of misadventures best forgotten.

With more than 50 courses, Sin City offers one of North America's most exciting golf



The Las Vegas National Golf Club is the site of Tiger Woods' first PGA-Tour win in 1996. CONTRIBUTED

scenes. There are extravagant big-ticket courses favoured by business moguls and movie stars, as well as superb layouts geared to every budget.

Of course, almost nobody goes to Las Vegas just for the golf. From wholesome fare such as Cirque de Soleil's ac-

claimed Beatles tribute show at the Mirage to an eye-popping pin-up themed revue starring a former Playboy Playmate of the Year at the Wynn Las Vegas, the entertainment possibilities are almost endless.

Among the hottest late-night clubs for those deter-

mined to party till dawn are LAX at the Luxor, The Bank at the Bellagio and Tao at the Venetian. But only the uninitiated and unhip even think of making their entrance before midnight.

Night owls bidding their time might want to stop by the

The best free show in Vegas

Bellagio Resort is justly famous for its fountains that erupt in a magnificent choreographed water ballet across man-made Bellagio Lake. A total of 1,214 spritzers shoot water up to 460 feet in the air every half-hour between 3 and 8 p.m., and every 15 minutes from then until midnight.

Cloud Nine Short Course at Angel Park Golf Club and play par-3 golf on floodlit fairways. But come the dawn, Angel Park is best known as the home of two excellent full-length 18-hole layouts, the Palm and Mountain courses, both designed by Arnold Palmer and Ed Seay.

Part of the beauty of golf in Las Vegas is that several top courses are just a short cab ride from the Strip, eliminating the need for a rental car. Next door to the Mandalay Resort and Casino is the Bali Hai Golf Club, a gorgeous Schmidt-Curley design offering views of the towering casinos.

Also found in the heart of the city is Desert Pines Golf Club, a Carolina sandhills-style layout by the great Pete Dye. Another must-play is Las Vegas National Golf Club, famous as the site of Tiger Woods' first PGA-Tour victory in 1996.

So much fantastic golf, so little time. Among the most unique local courses is Bear's Best Las Vegas, featuring 18 reproductions of holes selected by Jack Nicklaus from the more than 270 courses he has designed around the world.

Other outstanding courses in or near Las Vegas include Royal Links Golf Club, Paiute Golf Resort and TPC Las Vegas.

Feel like splurging? Then book a tee time at fabulous Wynn Golf Club. The creation of hotel magnet Steve Wynn and superstar golf architect Tom Fazio, this public course in downtown Las Vegas has fairways as smooth as velvet and offers all the trappings of the most posh of private clubs.

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Holidays

Gifts for the traveller on your list



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If you can't afford to send someone on a vacation, consider giving them a travel-inspired experience closer to home. Travelzoo.ca's deal experts have pulled together a collection of great deals starting from \$15. Whether it's racing stock cars in Halifax to helicopter tours in the Rockies to a discount pass for nine of Toronto's top attractions, the options are endless. Go online to search deals from across Canada.

If you are on a tight budget consider a Do-It-Yourself gift. Last year at the start of my summer holiday, a friend helped me relax by forcing me to digitally detox. He replaced my watch with a "beach time" watch; an old timepiece with the mechanics replaced by sand. It cost nothing but was the perfect way to get my head in vacation-mode.



'Beach time' watch



Tai Muang scarf

Healthy choices and flavour can coexist

Herbed Chicken Breasts with Avocado Paste.

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1. In large bowl, toss together coriander, garlic, cumin and pepper with chicken breasts to coat evenly. (Make ahead: Cover and refrigerate for up to

eight hours.)

2. Heat large non-stick ovenproof skillet over medium high heat and brown chicken breasts evenly on both sides, about eight minutes. Place in 400 F (200 C) oven for about 10 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink inside. Slice into thick slices.

3. Avocado Paste: Meanwhile, remove skin and pit from avocado and scoop flesh into bowl. Mash with fork until smooth. Stir in shallot, garlic, red pepper, vinegar and pinch pepper. Spoon avocado paste alongside chicken to serve. Sprinkle with coriander leaves before serving if desired.

Ingredients

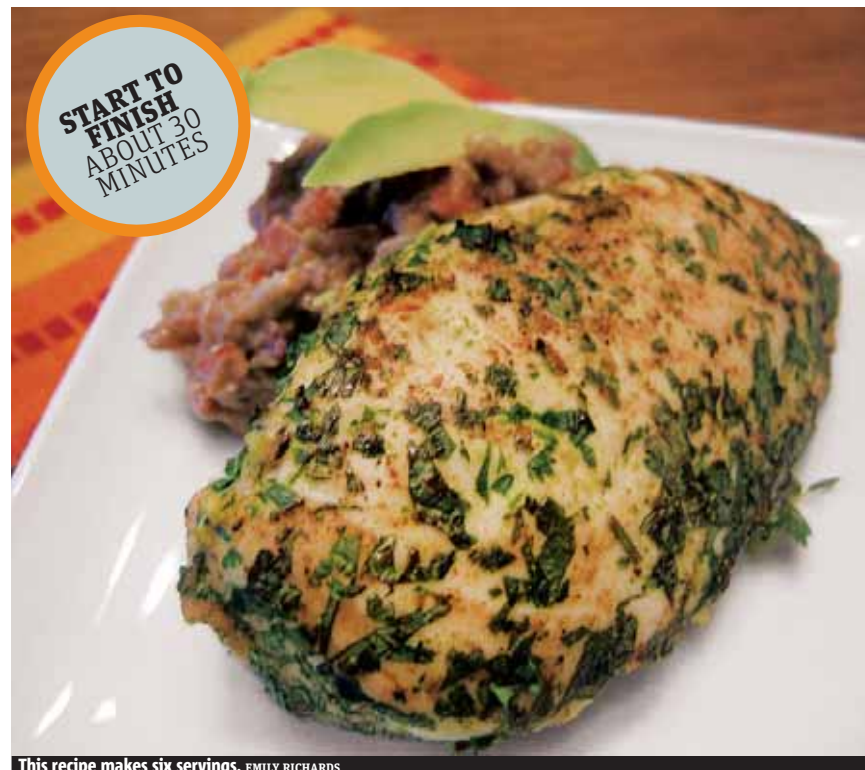
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) chopped fresh coriander or basil or Italian parsley
- 1 large clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) ground cumin
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) freshly ground pepper

- 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts (about 1 1/2 lbs/750 g)

Avocado Paste

- 1 ripe avocado
- Half small shallot, minced

- 1 small clove garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) finely diced red pepper
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) sherry vinegar
- Pinch pepper
- Fresh coriander leaves (optional)



This recipe makes six servings. EMILY RICHARDS

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No matter where you work, you've probably found that it can sometimes be hard to concentrate.

Maybe it's because a constant influx of emails keeps interrupting your workflow or because your office is open-concept and you can't close your door on the sound of your

co-workers chatting, humming or talking on the phone. As the holidays draw closer, you may find it even harder to concentrate, particularly if those around you are more interested in talking about social engagements and exchanging cards. Whatever the case, here are a few things you can do to make it easier to concentrate:

Get comfortable

It's hard to concentrate if you're not comfortable in your workspace.

If you work at a desk, adjust your seat so you're sitting with a straight back and your feet firmly on the floor. Next, adjust your monitor to make sure that your screen is at eye level and your hands are resting on your keyboard with your elbows

bent at approximately a 90-degree angle. If your workplace is too warm or too cool for your liking and you're not able to control the overall temperature, dress appropriately. Try wearing layers if you're sensitive to heat or cold, or if your office temperature tends to fluctuate throughout the day.

Put your phone away

This may be tough if you're used to keeping your phone near you, but it can have a huge impact on your productivity. Your phone can be really distracting if it's constantly alerting you of incoming messages. Put it on silent and move it out of sight, at least while you're working on anything that requires a high level of concentration.



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Tidy up

Take a bit of time to straighten up your desk before settling in to work on a project so that your mind doesn't wander to the teetering piles of papers and dirty dishes stacked around you. Try to get into the habit of setting aside five to 10 minutes at the start or end of every workday to tidy up your workspace. In addition to improving your focus, it will also set a good example to your co-workers and show them that you make an effort to stay organized.

Set a schedule

Make a list of what you want to accomplish each day —you're more likely to force yourself to focus if you know that you only have X amount of time to work on each task.

You should also schedule in breaks so that you don't forget to give yourself a rest. Plus, having a scheduled break to look forward to might also make it easier to buckle down.

Assemble everything you know you'll need so that you're not scrambling to find important notes and documents while you're in the middle of working, since that can disrupt your

workflow.

Silence notifications

Set your email, social media and other notifications to silent while you're working if you find yourself losing focus every time you get a new alert. If you get a lot of emails over the course of your day, you may want to close your email program for an hour or two so you can concentrate on the task at hand.

Switch it up

If you hit a wall at work, try

switching tasks or try changing your approach to what you're working on. For example, you could consult a co-worker if you're stuck on something or brainstorm to see if you can take a different angle to solving a problem.

If your boss is OK with it, you can also try temporarily changing your work hours. Coming in early or staying late may give you an opportunity to take advantage of quieter times at the office, helping you to get down to business without others around to distract you.

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The Calgary Stampede and Hamilton Tiger-Cats meet in the Grey Cup Sunday at BC Place Stadium. Here are five storylines to watch heading into the big game.

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Henry Burris carries the Grey Cup after the Stampede won the Grey Cup in 2008. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Grey Cup drought

Both teams will be looking to end Grey Cup dry spells. The Stampede last won a championship in 2008, head coach/GM John Hufnagel's first with the club. The Tics have to go all the way back to 1999 for their last CFL title, which coincidentally came against Calgary at Vancouver.

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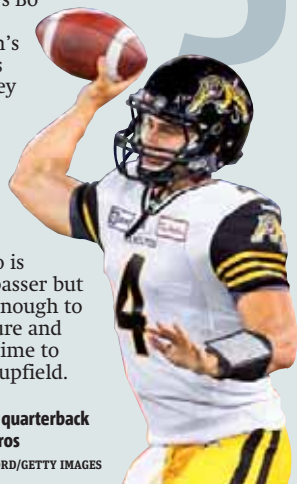
Grey Cup storylines

Grey Cup rookies

Both Calgary's Bo Levi Mitchell and Hamilton's Zach Collaros are in the Grey Cup as first-year starters. Hamilton's offence is more potent with the versatile Collaros, who is an accurate passer but also mobile enough to escape pressure and buy himself time to pass or head upfield.

Tiger-Cats quarterback Zach Collaros

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The Kent Austin show

Not only does Austin have the Tics in the Grey Cup for a second straight year, he's in the CFL title game for the third time as a head coach.

Austin led Saskatchewan to the 2007 championship in his first season as a CFL head coach.

Tiger-Cats head coach Kent Austin

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Will they come?

For the first time in four years, the Grey Cup host city won't have its team in the big game. It remains to be seen how excited Vancouver will be this week without the B.C. Lions to cheer for. Less than a week before the opening kickoff, the game still wasn't officially sold out.



Lions fans will have to pick another team to cheer for on Sunday. GETTY IMAGES FILE



Stampede slotback Nik Lewis

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Swan song?

A perennial all-star over his 11-year career in Calgary, Nik Lewis had just 37 catches for 377 yards and no TDs this season. There were times the 32-year-old was a healthy scratch.



Flames aim to roast Ducks

The Ducks' Tim Jackman handles the puck away from the Flames' Dennis Wideman, left, and Sven Baertschi on Tuesday in Anaheim. For the story, go to metronews.ca. STEPHEN DUNN/GETTY IMAGES

Mitchell scores top offensive player of the week award

Calgary quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell was named CFL offensive player of the week Tuesday after leading the Stampede to a 43-18 victory over the Edmonton Eskimos in the West Division final.

Mitchell passed for 336 yards and threw four touchdown passes last Sunday to help the Stampede advance to the Grey Cup. He also had a two-yard rushing touchdown.

Calgary linebacker Juwan Simpson was named defensive player of the week and running back Jon Cornish



Bo Levi Mitchell GETTY IMAGES

took the top Canadian honour. Simpson had seven tackles and a sack while Cornish, a

native of New Westminster, B.C., scored two touchdowns and had 174 total yards.

Kick returner Brandon Banks was named special teams player of the week after returning two punts for touchdowns in Hamilton's 40-24 win over the Montreal Alouettes in the East Division final.

Banks finished with 226 return yards on five punts.

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2015 Hyundai Genesis

- **Type.** Four-door, AWD luxury sedan
- **Engines.** 3.8-litre V6 (311 hp), 5.0-litre V8 (420)
- **Transmission.** Eight-speed automatic
- **Price.** \$44,995 base, \$54,995 as tested

Market position

The original Genesis sedan, introduced in 2008, was Hyundai's first foray into the luxury segment. It's a premium car that is less expensive than its comparably sized and equipped rivals. Along with big brother Equus, Genesis is a showcase for Hyundai's technological capabilities.

Points

- Debuts Hyundai's new AWD system, which is standard on all models.
- Greater focus on handling prowess, with a suspension tuned by Lotus engineers.
- First vehicle styled in the next stage of Hyundai's Fluidic Sculpture design.
- Advanced lane-keeping technology makes Genesis almost a self-driving car on the highway.



The rear seat underscores the fact Genesis is bigger than its rivals.

Safety features

Nine airbags, adaptive cruise control with stop-and-go capabilities, autonomous emergency braking, blind-spot detection with rear-traffic alert, lane-departure warning, lane-changing assist, C02 sensor control system, AWD active cornering control can apply brakes to the inside rear wheel, for better handling.

Luxury without the price



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Review. Hyundai's second-generation Genesis now handles better and looks even better inside and out

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This second-generation Hyundai Genesis is not a revelation. It is a competent and attractive luxury sedan, but we are not surprised.

Hyundai is nothing if not persistent. It has a long and successful track record of striding into new territories, making each successive model better than the last, and repeating that exercise at a brisk pace. Nothing makes you better than practice.

The first Genesis, which debuted in 2008, was a solid crack at the luxury market. But there was room for improvement, particularly with the ride and handling.

Hyundai called in the engineering troops from Lotus to sort out the dynamics, and it really paid off. Some rivals, such as the Cadillac CTS and the Audi A6, are certainly sportier, but this Genesis is one sweet ride, with an enviable blend of comfort and swerve-ability.

The handling is helped by an all-new, sophisticated AWD system, which moves torque around to exploit the already progressive characteristics of the rear-wheel-drive platform. (Steering feel, however, is a little numb.)

The V6 and V8 engine options are carried over from the first Genesis, as is the eight-speed automatic transmission, which shifts beautifully.

Although a torque-heavy 5.0-litre V8 is available, our tester had the base 311-hp 3.8-litre V6, which pretty much overpowers any of the other base engines in this class, many of which have settled on 2.0-L turbos for their entry-level models.



The inside is equally appealing, with copious amounts of wood grain and leather.

Styling is subjective, but to these eyes, the exterior look is another area where Genesis excels. The new model is the first application of a new design theme Hyundai is calling Fluidic Sculpture 2.0, offering an intriguing blend of aggression and elegance.

Inside is equally appealing, with copious amounts of wood grain and leather.

At first, the new driver interface with a big touch screen filled me with dread.

I'm not a fan of adjusting everything on a touch screen, but Hyundai has included just enough additional controls for the most-used stuff — radio, navigation, HVAC, etc. — to reduce my stress level.

The rear seating area is commodious, and underscores the fact that Genesis is bigger than most of its rivals.

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safety features. Highlights include a 12-way driver's seat, lane-keeping assist, rear-door window blinds, an available 9.2-inch display with a 64-GB memory drive, an available 900-watt stereo with 17 speakers and Logic 7 surround sound, and the industry's first C02-sensing control system, which can introduce fresh air into the cabin when C02 levels reach a certain threshold.

In fact, the only checklist boxes Genesis doesn't tick are "luxury brand cache" and "luxury brand dealership experience."

If you can live without those, you'll save a lot of money by choosing Genesis as your next luxury ride.

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Additives primarily stabilize the gasoline, Howe says, so its components don't react with one another and



Gasoline contains several additives and detergents to improve performance and protect your engine. CONTRIBUTED

form deposits or gums that can possibly foul the engine. Other additives can include friction modifiers, which make it easier for the pistons to slide in their cylinders.

Additive blends also include detergents, which are similar to soap. When en-

gines burn gasoline vapour, it creates carbon, which sticks to the valves. Known as engine gunk, these deposits can reduce the engine's efficiency if they build up too much.

"The detergents are like a soap molecule, with a long tail and a small, reactive,

polar head," Howe says. "The long tail keeps it soluble, but when it comes across the deposits, the polar head gets stuck on the deposit and the interaction pulls off chunks of it. Then they're carried into the combustion chamber where they're burned.

"This continues until the deposits are gone off the valve. It's essentially doing the same thing as soap when it interacts with greasy soil, but it's not water-soluble, it's gasoline-soluble."

As the name implies, additives are put into the gasoline, blended together into what's called an additive package. After the fuel is refined, the refinery pumps it into a pipeline, where it goes to a distribution centre and is stored in tanks. When it's time to deliver it to gas stations, the fuel is pumped out of the tank and into a truck, and, at this point, the additive package is added to the fuel.

Although all companies use additives, the components in each package are proprietary, and their ingredients are a closely guarded secret.

"Refining fuel is a standard, specific action, but it's never exactly the same," Howe says. "You have to put in additives to correct it, or keep instabilities from happening."

Fast facts

- Gasoline contains octane, which controls how easily it will combust, but it isn't an additive. Instead, the level of octane is set during the refining process.
- Diesel fuel also contains additives. Sometimes diesel is also dyed red, indicating that it's for farm machinery, and that its price doesn't include road taxes. However, it's illegal to use dyed diesel in regular vehicles, and the colour lets authorities know if it's being used improperly.
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L.A. auto show. Drives like a BMW but runs on electric power: Compact i3 is named Green Car of the Year

BMW's first-ever plug-in electric vehicle was named Green Car of the Year during a ceremony at L.A. auto show.

The i3 was the only electric car among the five finalists in contention for the award, which recognizes environmental leadership in the automotive field and is presented each year by Green Car Journal.

The other finalists were the Chevrolet Impala Bi-Fuel, the Audi A3 TDI, the Honda Fit and the Volkswagen Golf.

The i3 has a 170-hp electric motor and a range of 160 km. But what makes the car stand out against other plug-in electric cars are its handling and performance characteristics. It can hit 100 km/h in 7.2 seconds and offers the same driving dynamics as BMW's gas-powered cars.

However, what tipped the scales in BMW's favour for the award was its zero emissions and the high percentage of sustainably produced materials used in the car's construction.

The i3 starts at \$44,950 in Canada and qualifies for a green-car rebate of up to \$8,500 in some provinces. **AFP**



The BMW i3 has a 170-hp electric motor and a range of 160 km on a single charge. But what makes the compact car stand out against other plug-in electric cars are its handling and performance characteristics. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



Custom Toyota van features a toothy grin and a bubble-blowing roof. **AFP**

L.A. auto show. SpongeBob inspires custom Sienna

Car designers draw their inspiration from many places — nature, sci-fi novels, the works of Picasso or Matisse. Or, in the case of the concept car gracing the L.A. auto show, a Nickelodeon cartoon character.

SpongeBob SquarePants is one of the world's truly global cultural icons, and Toyota has done its best to bring the character to life in vehicular form.

The windshield of the customized Sienna minivan is adorned with SpongeBob's

eyes and his buck-toothed grin. The roof features his Superhero Incredibubble mask and even blows real bubbles.

Inside, the van has a blue, wood-grain dashboard and a ship's wheel. Each of the seats references one of SpongeBob's friends, and the floor mats have a sandy, textured finish.

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Design. Henrik Fisker turns a custom Mustang into the ultimate muscle car

The Galpin Rocket, unveiled at the L.A. auto show, is a bespoke take on the Ford Mustang and one that is likely to come with a \$100,000-plus price tag when it goes into limited production.

But what makes it a stand-out car is the man who designed it. Henrik Fisker is responsible for some of the world's most elegant cars, from the BMW Z8 to Aston

Martin's Vantage and DB9. Although his Fisker Karma luxury hybrid was a beautiful car, the business went under two years ago.

The Rocket is a very impressive way to make a comeback. Described as the ultimate muscle car, it was created in partnership with Galpin Motors, the world's largest Ford dealer. Power will come from

a highly modified version of Ford's current V8, complete with supercharger — capable of outputting 725 hp and will be as fast as any Mustang ever.

"I love the '60s American muscle cars," said Fisker. "My favourite Mustang is the 1968 Shelby GT500 ... it gave me butterflies the first time I saw it. We wanted to recreate that feeling with this car." **AFP**



The Galpin Rocket is a current-model Ford Mustang highly customized by famed designer Henrik Fisker. **AFP**

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Urban transport. Mini scooter folds into trunk

Mini has been pondering the future of urban mobility and it thinks it has the answer: a foldaway scooter.

The CitySurfer Concept is a foot-powered two-wheel scooter, and a rather smart-looking one, thanks to some design cues taken from Mini's own styling manual.

The scooter's chunky pneumatic tires should flatten out the lumps and smooth the ride over bumpier roads and, when not in use, it folds down into something easy to carry in a bag or in the trunk of a car.

Kick scooters are already a common sight in most major cities, either ridden by kids on the way to school or commuters completing the final leg of the daily journey into the office. What makes Mini's CitySurfer stand out is that it has an electric motor integrated into its rear-wheel hub that gives it a top speed of 25 km/h. In order to fire up the motor, you have to

start riding the scooter under foot power alone. Once you hit a certain speed, the motor kicks in and can be controlled by a thumb-trigger accelerator. There's also a smartphone mount for riders who want to access a navigation app or keep the handset's battery topped up.

The scooter's lithium ion battery, which is an integral part of the frame, is good for 25 kilometres before it needs recharging. It can also recapture energy from braking and use it to top up the battery.

When the battery is dead, the CitySurfer still operates like a normal kick-scooter, and it can be recharged through the 12-volt power socket found inside most cars. **AFP**



Mini's motorized CitySurfer scooter has a top speed of 25 km/h. **AFP**



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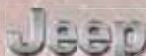
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Shift: From hybrids, technology, new vehicles and the environment, to saving money at the pumps

SUV's paint captures power from the sun and the wind

At the opening of its Mercedes-Benz Product Engineering Center in Beijing, China, the luxury automaker unveiled a concept car powered not just by hydrogen, but by its own paint. The Vision G-Code SUV (named with the Chinese market in mind) sports "multi-voltaic" paint that harvests solar and wind energy. Mercedes said the paint acts like a giant solar cell "with excellent efficiency," and can be charged electrostatically by the relative wind caused by driving, or by the natural wind when the vehicle is stationary. The G-Code also features "power on the move" suspension, which recovers energy from the motion of the suspension to generate electricity.

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One of the most exciting claims about the Mercedes G-Code is that its paint collects power from both the sun and the wind. How much power? Good question. But the concept SUV also runs on hydrogen.

Seaweed biofuel saves farms for food

Seaweed — kelp, in particular — shows promising signs of becoming a biofuel feedstock, thanks to a newly designed hydrothermal process that greatly increases the amount of bio-oil that can be extracted from it. As a fuel source that doesn't take up farmland or use water that would otherwise be used to grow crops, kelp also grows extremely quickly. Researchers at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology said their variation on a process known as hydrothermal liquefaction — rapidly heating a slurry of kelp and water, then holding it briefly at a high temperature (585 Celsius) — results in 79 per cent of the biomass being converted to bio-oil. Previous efforts resulted in just a 19 per cent conversion rate.



Shift points

- After saying it would not replace its compact Ranger pickup, Ford appears to be having a change of heart. Marketing manager Dave Scott told USA Today the company is "seriously considering" an entry-level compact.
- U.S. researchers have designed a lithium-sulphur battery with four times the longevity of typical sulphur batteries. That's significant because they already hold four times the energy per mass of lithium-ions.
- A U.S. radio report says sales of hybrids, plug-ins and electric vehicles are down in that country by about 5 per cent this year, while trucks and SUVs have seen 17- and 20-per-cent increases.

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March 21 - April 20

You may feel out of step with others today but sometimes you just have to do your own thing, in your own way, at your own speed. Maybe it's everyone else who is out of step.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

If you get criticized today — and with Saturn strong in your opposite sign that is almost guaranteed — don't react as if the world is coming to an end.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

What you visualize over the next 24 hours is what you will be able to do in weeks to come, so don't dismiss genuine insights as fantasy.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You need to find a solution to either a money matter or a relationship issue. The way out of your predicament is obvious really but it will also be costly. Act and pay now or pay an even larger penalty later.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Remember today that a loved one does not mean the negative things they have been saying. Like you they are under pressure that inevitably affects the way they speak and act.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Today's Mercury-Saturn link is a reminder that life is meant to be fun — and a warning that if you do too much you will pay for it.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

A dream you've had for years is about to become a reality. It may not come about in the way you expected. Recognize how fortunate you are and make the most of the opportunity.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You've made sacrifices in recent weeks and today's Mercury-Saturn union in your sign indicates there is something else you must do before you can move onto new pastures.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Try not to say anything too hurtful today or it may take weeks or even months to win back a loved one's trust.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

The more passionately someone tries to convince you of their honesty the more likely it is they want something. Keep your money in your pocket.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You have an important message to get across and if the only way to make yourself heard is to shout then do it. You have been quiet long enough.

♓ Pisces

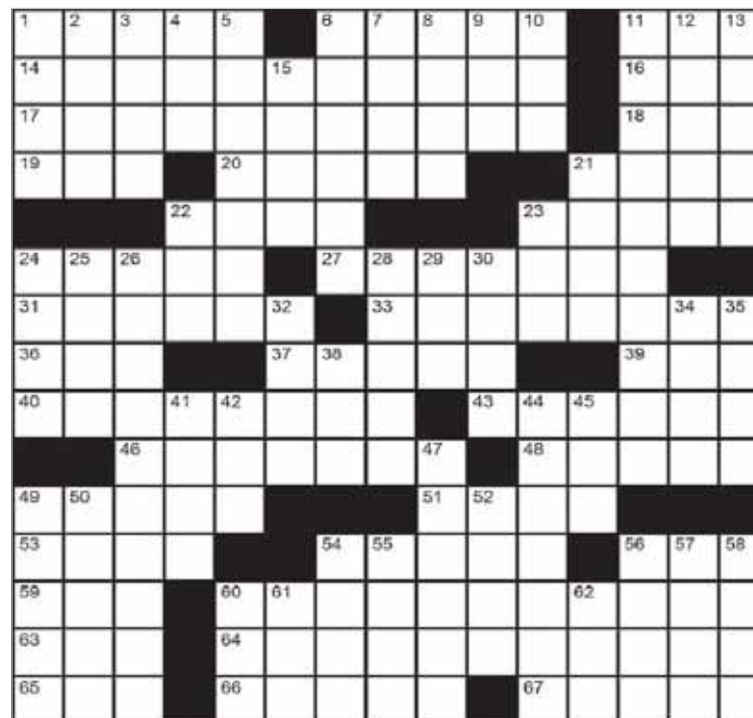
Feb. 20 - March 20

You may be convinced that you are in the right about something but do not push your case too hard over the next 24 hours. If others can't see the truth then they are the ones most likely to suffer for it.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

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6. Shakespeare: Julius Caesar conspirator
11. Humanities degs.
14. Submarine exit: 2 wds.
16. Away
17. 1965 James Bond movie for #60-Across
18. Gun gr.
19. Academic year div.
20. "Take ___ for free." - The Band, "The Weight"
21. Split
22. Word's history [abbr.]
23. Bottomless pit
24. Stray calf [var. sp.]
27. Winter cap's one-of-two
31. "Help Me, ___" by The Beach Boys
33. Educated/versed in books
36. Suffer
37. ___ with nature
39. 'The Finals' gr.
40. 1970s musical for Canadian actor Victor Garber
43. Big name in movies
46. Decrease/slump
48. Negative/Positive
49. Ms. Deschanel of "Bones"
51. Bygone Ford cars
53. Typeface
54. Laissez-___
56. Soup sort
59. Lighthouse sur-rounder



60. Canadian actress, b.1927 - d.2007, who played the character at #11-Down in several 007 movies: 2 wds.
63. Anger
64. Some store staff: 2 wds.
65. 'Ballad' suffix
66. Canadian racecar

- driver Paul
67. Sammy of baseball, and surname-sakes

Down

1. Domesticated pals
2. Tennis legend Arthur
3. Soap ___ (Bathroom cleanser's target)

4. ___ Diego
5. Made current
6. 1950s car trimming
7. Rhyming scheme
8. Dutch city
9. Old Rome's 250
10. Calder Cup org.
11. As per #60-Across... M's secretary, Miss ___
12. Visions of light

13. "The North" Canadian band
15. Moray-like
21. Up-the-slopes ride
22. "Ich bin ___ Berliner." - JFK
23. Wholly
24. Burden
25. Toledo's locale
26. 1964 James Bond movie for #60-Across

28. "He's mad that trusts in the tameness of ___" - Fool, in Shakespeare's King Lear
29. Kevin's "Foot-loose" (1984) role
30. Bolted
32. Biblical son
34. Have ___ in one's bonnet
35. Calendar parts
38. Jeff Lynne's gr.
41. ___ and vinegar chips
42. 2-___ tissue
44. Back pages of books
45. "Help!"
47. Not solid, as construction
49. ___ Trinket, Elizabeth Banks' role in 'Hunger Games' movies
50. Actress Demi
52. Pitfall
54. Chick-___ (American restaurant chain)
55. "Gimme ___..." (Wait)
56. Liveliness
57. "___ the Elephant" (Canadian cartoon series)
58. Beers
60. Grocery-shopper's li'l paper
61. Dinghy director
62. Romance

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6	9	8	5	7	3	1	2	4
2	3	4	8	6	1	5	7	9
7	6	5	3	8	2	4	9	1
9	2	3	7	1	4	6	5	8
8	4	1	6	9	5	2	3	7
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4	1	6	9	2	7	3	8	5
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